



Thursday Morning, Dec. 25, 1862.

## TO ADVERTISERS.

All advertisements, unless the time for which they are to be inserted is specified, will be continued until ordered out, and no charge.

## JOB PRINTING.

Book and Job Printing of every description neatly executed. Terms, cash on delivery of the work.

## Christmas.

Christmas! Merry Christmas! is again upon us. Once more

"That season comes  
Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated."

What a host of thoughts and feelings throng upon one at the bare mention of the name! Youth and home, and their associations—Old Santa Claus—the Christmas Tree—the merry carolers—the family party—all appear once more pictured in the mind. All the more clearly, too, that many among us will feel perhaps for the first time, their separation from home and kindred. Many a family too, along the Atlantic, both east and west, will miss in the annual assembly the face of a son, a brother, or it may be a father, who is spending his Christmas far away on the great Pacific, hoping for a speedy return. Merry England, the green hills of Ireland, and the braves of bonny Scotland, have sent here their sons, to mingle with those from the sunny Rhineland, the home of the vine. From where the great St. Lawrence rolls its waters to the sea, to the battle-dyed Potomac, and from the South Atlantic and Pacific shores, here men are assembled from every spot, and all unite on this time-honored holiday in their greetings and merry-making. We heartily join them in wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In order to allow those connected with this establishment an opportunity to participate in the Christmas festivities, no paper will be issued to-morrow morning.

## Registration of Voters.

This year is now drawing to a close. The time rapidly approaches when it will be necessary to take the steps required to become registered on the list of voters. After the first of January and up to the fourteenth is the period limited for making the necessary application. It is to be hoped that all who are in a position will come forward and place themselves in a position that will enable them to have a voice in choosing those who are to vote our taxes, and make our laws. Let no feeling of indifference as to who is or who is not chosen for a legislator actuate those whom the law allows to vote in parliamentary elections. Every man who desires to see the country progress should strive to qualify himself as an elector, both by the acquirement of property and by registration, when he has the required qualification. The time for the election of a new House of Assembly cannot be far off. Upon the choice of fit and proper persons for that purpose the prosperity of the colony in a great measure depends. The past three years have shown who have and who have not done their duty. What an absurd position a man may be in who would exercise his suffrage at the coming election, but who, through his own neglect, has deprived himself of that privilege. It may be that the Government will force on the election before the next registration shall have been completed. We should not wonder if their contempt of everything right and just would carry them thus far. But let not this possibility deter any one from putting himself in a position to vote. For it is not at all likely the next House will exist anything near its regular period. Changes may happen which would lead to its dissolution sooner, perhaps, than many would expect. So let all be prepared to vote at any time when the occasion comes. We have been asked whether those British subjects who have taken the oath of allegiance to, or have become citizens of foreign States, have a right to be registered? According to the Franchise Act they cannot, unless three months previous to the time for application for registry they have taken the oath of allegiance to Her Majesty, before the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. So that those who have not already done so will be too late for the registration next month, but can prepare themselves to register at a future time.

## Where was the Council for the Crown?

We were always of the opinion, that the salaries of the Government were public servants, having certain duties to perform as an equivalent for their recompense; that, in this respect, public employees should be governed by the same principles which regulate the actions of men in a private capacity. If one man employs another to do a specified thing for a consideration, he expects that the work will be done, and properly too. Men are not usually engaged with the privilege of neglecting their duty when it shall suit their convenience. It appears, however, that some, at least, of our officials think otherwise, or at least act as if they did. It will be recollected that a certain sum is voted in the estimates every year as a salary for the Attorney-General. This is to compensate him for his legal services for the Crown. Besides this salary, which is this year £300, there are other perquisites attached to the office. Among the duties incumbent upon him in this capacity, is that of conducting criminal prosecutions; of, in fact, acting as counsel on behalf of the public. It will be seen, then, how important it is that he should do his duty faithfully. Public security requires that those who have committed a crime should not be allowed to escape without punishment. Any laxity in putting the law in force, will only have the effect of encouraging its violation. What, then, can we think of the public counsel who will leave the court before a prosecution is concluded. Take the case of the Queen v. DeYoung, for a specimen of the way public business is managed. We have nothing to say against these gentlemen—they have been acquitted by the jury of the charge brought against them, and that settles the matter as far as they are concerned. The facts relating to the conduct of the Attorney General are that he left the Court after the examination of the witnesses for the Crown, and did not return during the remainder of the case. After his departure, Mr. Ring, one of the Counsel for the defence, addressed the jury and called a witness for the defendants. The jury were then charged by the Judge and retired, but returned at two different times to have points explained and to hear some further evidence. It will thus be seen how important it was that somebody should have been present to watch the case on the part of the Crown, to cross-examine the witness for the defence, to reply to the address of the defendant's Counsel, and to see that the case was properly presented to the jury. As it was, a more bungled and neglected affair one seldom sees. From the very outset even, the case was not properly brought out from the absence of a most material witness, whose production, the Judge remarked, had been neglected by the prosecution. Now this kind of conduct on the part of a public

officer won't do. If Mr. Cary fills the part of a counsel for the Crown, the public expect that he will do all that is required of him. He would not dare to act in the manner above mentioned in a private suit, in a civil matter; then why should he be allowed to do so when public safety is in question? If the counsel for the Crown may have a criminal prosecution to take care of itself, why will we next hear of justice running riot in the shape of a judge, a sheriff, a registrar, or any other person connected with its administration.

Lillooet-Alexandria Wagon Road.

This great public work is completed for 128 miles by Mr. G. B. Wright, at a cost exceeding \$190,000. There remains 48 miles to be finished. The road starts from Parsonsville, opposite the thriving town of Lillooet, and passes up the right bank of the Fraser a distance of 22 miles to Pavilion Creek. It is an 18-foot road between those points, except the bends which are between 20 and 30 feet wide. From Pavilion Creek it crosses Pavilion Mountain to Cut-off Valley, a distance of 14 miles. The general width of the road is the same as above; but the turn-table—the zigzags to ascend and descend the mountain are from 60 to 100 feet in width; and was made wide in order to allow long teams to make easy turnings. In going up there are six turns, and in going down there are seven. In going down, each turn-table cost from \$1000 to \$2500. Pavilion Mountain where the road crosses is 3000 feet high, and 5000 feet above the level of the sea; the length of the ascent being about three and a-half miles—the descent three miles. The whole cost of the road over the mountain was about \$60,000. After crossing Pavilion Creek Mountain the road runs through Cut-off Valley, a level country, a distance of 15 miles—it is a fine valley—good farming land. The Yale-Lillooet Wagon Road connects with the Lillooet-Alexandria road in Cut-off Valley, 47 miles from Lillooet. After leaving Cut-off Valley, there is a gentle ascent in passing a hill a mile long. A table land is then reached along which the wagon road goes to Bridge Creek, a distance of 50 miles. There are public houses every eight or ten miles; and good camping places for animals. Bridge Creek is exactly one hundred miles from Lillooet. The Lake La Hache Valley commences at this point. The road is entirely completed to Blue Tent, 28 miles, a mile below the end of Lake La Hache, making the whole finished part of the Lillooet-Alexandria wagon road, 128 miles. There has been no labor expended beyond this point; but bugles and wagons may drive right through to Williams Lake. In the spring the road will be extended by way of Deep Creek to Soda Creek, on the Fraser, a distance of 18 miles from Williams Lake, or 48 miles from Blue Tent. Here Mr. Wright's new steamer, Enterprise, will take the freight for the mouth of Quessella River, a distance of 45 miles. The road, however, will probably be extended to Alexandria; and from this point the Government will extend it to Lightning and Van Winkle Creeks.

A branch road is projected by Capt Mitchell, to start about five miles north of Bridge Creek, and extend to Great Quessella Lake, where a steamer will carry the freight 15 miles. From that landing it will be 6 miles to Mitchell's bridge, on the North Fork of Quessella. When completed, this branch road will supply Antler, Keithley, and Cunningham Creeks, and the North Fork of Quessella. Lightning, Williams, and other creeks in the same direction, will be supplied by the Lillooet-Alexandria wagon road.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## Dry Goods Removal.

## A. HOFFMAN

WILL REMOVE

On January 1st, 1863

To the Fireproof Brick Building

—OR—

N. Moore &amp; Co

YATES STREET,

(OPPOSITE LANGLEY.)

AND WILL OPEN

—WITH—

An Entirely New Stock

—OR—

Dry Goods,

Carpetings, Oil Cloth,

—AND—

House Furnishing Goods.

Thankful to my patrons for past favors, I trust for a continuance at my New Store.

A. HOFFMAN,

Corner Yates and Government streets.

N.B.—THE COUNTERS AND FIXTURES of the present Shop will be sold cheap if applied for immediately.

—OR—

VICTORIA THEATRE.

J. S. POTTER, Acting and Stage Manager

G. B. WALDRON, Stage Director

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Thursday Evening, Dec. 25th.

The performance will commence with the Laughable Comic Opera Burlesque of

My Spouse and I.

OR, CHRISTMAS GAMBOLES.

Hascal Tom (Negro servant).....Max Irwin

Jeremiah (the husband).....Max Irwin

His Friend (in distress).....Max Irwin

My Spouse.....Miss Carrie Howard

Baldad.....Crawshaw

Song and Dance.....Max Irwin

Comic Songs.....Max Irwin

After which

The Mysterious Ghost,

Ghost.....G. B. Waldron

Duckie.....G. B. Waldron

The whole to conclude with Jim Crow Rice's celebrated Opera of

OH, HUSH!

OR, THE VIRGINIA CUPID!

Gumbo Cuff, Boss of the Root-blacks.....Max Irwin

Sam Johnson, Swell of the World.....Harry Taylor

Admission—Dress Circle and Parquette, \$1; Pit, 50 cents; Private Boxes, \$8 and \$10.

Doors open at 7 o'clock; curtain rises at 7 1/2.

No smoking allowed in the Theatre. Police will see to it that no disturbance be made.

—WANTED—

A STEADY ACTIVE YOUNG MAN TO act as Porter in a Store. None need apply who cannot produce satisfactory references of character from known parties in Victoria. Apply to

D. LINDSAY,

Victoria Crochery and Glass Dept., Fort Street.

—A Rare Chance.

FOR SALE CHEAP, (IF APPLIED for immediately) all the FURNITURE and FIXTURES of the FLORENCE HOTEL, situated on Johnson street, near Oriental Alley, now going at a low price to a hire, together with good will. Satisfactory reason given for selling. de25 1/2

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## AUCTION.

Saturday, December 27, 1862,

At 11 o'clock A.M.,

J. A. McCREA,

WILL SELL

AT HIS SALESHOUSE

CRUSHED SUGAR.

20 bbls San Francisco Crushed Sugar;

10 bbls Washing Soda;

40 cases Brandy, Chinese;

40 boxes, each one fine Old Cheese;

5 cases California Cheese;

10 firkins Choice Isthmus Butter;

10 cases Eastern Bacon;

12 bbls Hard Bread;

20 boxes, 50 lbs each, Zante Currants;

20 kegs E. B. Syrup.

—ALSO—

99 prs Grey Blankets "as is."

—ALSO—

AT COMMENCEMENT OF SALE,

One Span Horses;

One Double Wagon.

de25

## AUCTION.

Monday, December 29, 1862

At 11 o'clock, A.M.,

ON THE PREMISES, YATES STREET

J. A. McCREA

WILL SELL

The Entire Stock

—OF—

N. MOORE &amp; CO.

—CONSISTING IN PART OF—

## CLOTHING.

Cassimere, Satinet and Tweed Pants;

Fine Broadcloth, Cassimere and Tweed

Coats;

Cassimere, Silk and Velvet Vests;

Over Coats, Fine Dress Coats, &amp;c.

de25

## DRY GOODS.

Rich Dress Silks, Merinos, Alpaca, Reps,

De Laines, etc.;

Rich Sets Embroideries and Laces.

—FOR—

Ladies' and Gents' Hosiery.

Davis &amp; Jones' White and Colored Shirts;

Merino Undershirts and Drawers;

Silk, Merino, Kid and Cotton (Gloves);

Suspenders, Buttons, Needles, Pins, etc.;

Hats, Caps, Cravats, Handkerchiefs;

Shawls, Window Blinds,

Table Linen, Napkins, etc.

—ALSO—

Bleached Sheetings, Prints, Blankets, etc.

—ON A LIBERAL CREDIT.

TERMS AT SALE. de25

## NOTICE.

## BALLOU'S EXPRESS

Will Leave Lillooet January 5th,

—FOR—

WILLIAMS LAKE, BEAVER LAKE,

FORKS OF QUESSNELLE, AND

WILLIAMS CREEK,

And Return by Mouth of Cottonwood.

We can carry 200 lbs weight only this trip.

No Package taken unless the freight money is received before leaving.

W. T. BALLOU &amp; CO.

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## FOR MELBOURNE,

DIRECT.

To Sail on or about 1st February.

The Splendid English Clipper

SILISTRIA,

1200 Tons.....Register

J. J. JOSLIN.....Commander

This fine vessel has superior accommodation for first class and steerage passengers, and having made some of the quickest passages on record to the Colonies, offers the very best opportunity for those desiring to proceed to Australia.

For passage (an early application for which is necessary) apply to

DICKSON, CAMPBELL &amp; CO.,

Wharf street. de25 1/2

## Copartnership Notice.

MR. HENRY RHODES HAVING BE-

come a Partner in our House on the 31st of

January, the style of the Firm will in future be

JANION &amp; GREEN.

Victoria, December 24th, 1862. de25 1/2

## FIRST ANNUAL

## BALL

—OF THE—

Germania Singing Club.

The FIRST ANNUAL BALL OF THIS

Society will be held at the

LYCEUM HALL,

—ON—

Monday Evening

Dec. 29th, instant.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

M. Spornberg, John Kriemler,

N. Koshland, J. H. Heger,

J. L. Jangerman, L. G. Friedenstein,

W. F. Jetter, A. Hoffman.

Tickets can be had only of the Committee, and are in no case transferable. No tickets can be procured at the door. de25 1/2

Auction, Commission,

—AND—

REAL ESTATE SALE ROOMS,

9, WHARF STREET,

ALFRED J. WELCH IN NOW PRE-

pared to advance cash for any amount, upon

good security of any kind consigned to him for sale, will advance upon invoice to arrive. de25 1/2

Real Estate Agent. de25 1/2

## NOTICE.

## HARDY GILLARD'S

HOSIERY, GLOVE,

—AND—

## Outfitting Business

Will for the future be carried on under the Firm of

HARDY GILLARD &amp; CO.

To Parents and Guardians.

## WANTED,

A well Educated Youth,

As an Apprentice to the Hosiery, Glove and Outfitting Trade.

APPLY TO

HARDY GILLARD &amp; CO.,

Government street.

## Who's Your Hatter?

WHY

HARDY GILLARD &amp; CO.,

Hosiery, Clovers, Outfitters &amp; Hatters,

GOVERNMENT STREET.

de24

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## NESBITT'S

## CRACKER BAKERY,

Corner Yates and Broad streets.

## Notice to Families and Housekeepers.

I HAVE THIS DAY COMMENCED TO

SODA, BOSTON, BUTTER,

SUGAR, WATER and FIC-NIC

Crackers,

Navy Bread and Pilot Bread, at prices far below that of any other establishment in the city.

A large and fresh assortment constantly on hand.

de24 SAMUEL NESBITT

## Royal Insurance Co.,

—FOR—

## FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE.

CAPITAL, - - Ten Million Dollars.

HEAD OFFICES, Liverpool and London.

Agents for Vancouver Island and British Columbia,

ANDERSON &amp; CO.,

WHARF STREET.

Victoria, 24th November, 1862. de24

## Eggs! Eggs!!

EGGS, BUTTER AND APPLES,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,

Fresh from Oregon and California.

THE SUBSCRIBER OFFERS FOR SALE

2500 dozen Eggs, warranted;

1000 lbs fresh Oregon Butter;

200 boxes Assorted Apples.

JOHN FORTMAN,

Johnson street, near Government.

third door above San Francisco Restaurant.

de25 1/2

## NOW LANDING,

AND FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED,

IN BOTTLE—CLOVES;

Allspice;

Cassia;

Ginger;

5 kegs Raisins, 20 lbs each;

Yeast Powders, Preston &amp; Merrill's;

Admirable Candles (Knap) 20 lbs each;

The finest quality Congou in half chests, 60 lbs each;

Do do Young Hyson do 65 do

Butter, Choice Latham, 7 kegs;

Wheat, 110 sacks, clean.

de24 1/2 STEPHEN BROTHERS &amp; CO.

## RE-OPENED,

The Feed and Provision Store,

Johnson street, between Store and Wharf streets,

Established in 1858.

## L. MOUTET.

JUST LANDED EX-ONWARD FROM

San Francisco, a complete stock of all kinds of

Feeds, to be sold at the lowest price for cash.

The undersigned has just returned from San Francisco, and has the above mentioned stock on hand, and has the honor to announce that he is prepared to sell them as low as any other person.

de24 1/2

JOHN



